

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

An attacker via a computer system ~~16~~ (not shown) that is connected to the Internet e.g., via an Internet ~~14~~ Service Provider (ISP) ~~18~~ (not shown) or other approach, infiltrates one or a plurality of computers at various other sites or data centers 20a-20c. The attacker by use of a malicious software program 21 that is generally surreptitiously loaded on the computers of the data centers 20a-20c, places the plurality of computers in the data centers 20a-20c under its control. When the attacker issues a command to the data centers 20a-20c, the data centers 20a-20c send data out at arbitrary times. These data centers 20a-20c can simultaneously send large volumes of data at various times to the victim 12 to prevent the victim 12 from responding to legitimate traffic.